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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NORRGRANN ET AL.

Examiner

B. Chen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application, which is a 371 of PCT/SE00/01416.

Specification

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. **It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.**

It is noted that the abstract uses the phrase "The present invention relates." The examiner suggests its deletion.

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

It is noted that the claimed invention is directed additionally to a fixture. The examiner suggests amending the title to reflect same.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, the preamble "a method of fixturing" is confusing as to what fixturing means.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Michele et al. (4,837,540) or Coes, Jr. (3,660,949). Michele discloses a magnetic work holder which utilizes magnets to hold a workpiece (col.2 lines 5-68) with the expressed purpose of avoiding clamping (col.1 lines 40-47). North polarity is aligned appropriately (col.3 lines 22-36) and the workpiece is rectangular (Figure 1).

Coes discloses a magnetic chuck to hold regular and irregular shaped workpieces (col.2 lines 14-75). North polarity is aligned appropriately (col.3 lines 35-56). However, the references remain silent on a cutting inserts.

It is noted that Michele utilizes a magnetic workholder to avoid damage of the workpiece. It is also noted that Coes teaches that both regular and irregular shaped workpieces can be held using a magnetic chuck. One skilled in the art would realize that both references would suggest using a magnetic work holder for different reasons and that cutting tools could be that workpiece.

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It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to utilize a magnetic workholder because of the reasons given and with an expectation of success.

In addition, the references fail to teach a stack of alternating discs of a magnetic material and iron. However, it is noted that both references utilize a magnet to hold the workpiece. It appears that geometric configuration of the magnet is irrelevant as long as it holds the workpiece. Hence, it would have been obvious to utilize a magnetic disc with the expectation of obtaining similar results and in the absence of a showing of unexpected results.

The limitations of claims 2-6 have been addressed above.

Claims 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elsaesser et al. (5,557,487). Elsaesser discloses a disk storage drive in which a stack of discs are disposed within a tube (Figure 1) in which the storage disk is non ferromagnetic (col.1 line 54). However, the reference remains silent as to the material of disks.

It is noted that the reference teaches that the disks are stored. It appears to be irrelevant what material the disks are as long as the disks can fit in the storage area. Hence, it would have been obvious to store magnetic and iron disks with the expectation of preventing damage to the disks.

If the applicant were to sufficiently narrow claim 5 to the field in which the other claims represent, this art rejection will be withdrawn.

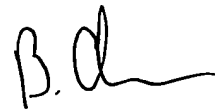
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to B. Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1417. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on (571) 272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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